

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 563

BY SENATOR WHITE

SCHOOLS. Creates and provides for the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board and school system in East Baton Rouge Parish. (See Act)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(I), 67, and 67.1, relative to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System; to provide for the school system, including its establishment and geographic boundaries; to provide for the school board and an interim board of control; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:58.2(I), 67, and 67.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§58.2. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; reapportionment; election districts;
terms

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I.(1) In addition to any other requirements in this Section, in the event the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board begins the actual operation of educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system in accordance with R.S. 17:67, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall develop a plan to divide the parish, excluding the geographic area within the boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System, into single-member districts from each of which one member of such board shall be elected. Such districts shall be drawn with as equal population as possible, using population figures from the most recent federal decennial census.

(2) Prior to the final adoption of such plan, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall order a public hearing on the proposed plan and shall cause to be published in a newspaper published within the parish of East Baton Rouge, with parishwide circulation, at least twenty days prior to the date of such hearing, the time and place thereof, a general summary and map of the proposed plan, and the times and places where copies of the proposed plan are available for public inspection.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, each elected member of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board holding office on the date the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board begins the actual operation of educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system shall serve the remainder of the term of office for which elected. If a vacancy occurs during said term of office, it shall be filled in accordance with law from districts in effect at the time the office is filled.

(4) At the next date on which a regular election for the election of members of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board would be held following the date the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board begins the actual

operation of educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system, the members of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall be elected from single-member districts adopted in accordance with this Subsection. The members so elected and their successors in office shall serve four-year concurrent terms. Thereafter, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall be reapportioned as otherwise provided by law.

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§67. Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board and school system; creation; membership; qualifications; apportionment; election; powers, duties, and functions; system operation

A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the appointment of members of the interim school board as provided in R.S. 17:67.1, there shall be established a separate school system and school board for the Southeast Baton Rouge community in East Baton Rouge Parish. The school board shall be designated the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board. The board shall be composed of nine members, one from each of the single-member districts provided for in Subsection B of this Section, who shall be electors and shall meet the qualifications for office provided in R.S. 17:52(D) and (E).

(2) The geographic boundaries of the school system shall be as follows: Commence at a point where the centerlines of Interstate 10 and Interstate 12 intersect; thence proceed in an easterly direction along the centerline of Interstate 12 to its intersection with the Amite River; thence proceed in a southerly direction along the centerline of the Amite River to its intersection with Bayou Manchac; thence proceed in a westerly direction along the centerline of Bayou Manchac to its intersection with Interstate 10; thence proceed in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Interstate 10 to the point of beginning.

B.(1) The interim school board shall develop and adopt a plan to divide

1 the geographic area encompassed by the Southeast Baton Rouge Community
2 School System into nine single-member districts, from each of which one
3 member of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board shall be
4 elected. The districts shall be drawn in such a manner that each member of the
5 Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board represents as nearly as
6 possible the same number of persons, using population figures from the latest
7 federal decennial census and shall be effective in time for qualifying for the
8 election as provided in law generally for parish school board members.

9 (2) Prior to the final adoption of the apportionment plan required by
10 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the interim school board shall order a public
11 hearing on the proposed plan and shall cause to be published in its official
12 journal at least twenty days prior to the date of such hearing, the time and place
13 thereof, a general summary and map of the proposed plan, and the times and
14 places where copies of the proposed plan are available for public inspection.

15 C. The initial members of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School
16 Board shall be elected at the time and place provided by law generally for
17 parish school board members. The members of the Southeast Baton Rouge
18 Community School Board elected in 2014 shall take office as otherwise generally
19 provided by law for parish school board members, and such members and their
20 successors in office shall serve for four-year concurrent terms.

21 D. Vacancies on the board shall be filled as generally provided by law
22 for parish school boards.

23 E.(1) The organization of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School
24 Board as well as the board's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities shall
25 be as generally provided by law for local public school boards. Compensation
26 for board members and reimbursement for expenses also shall be as generally
27 provided by law for city, parish, and other local public school board members.

28 (2) The Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board shall adopt
29 rules, regulations, and procedures consistent with law to effectuate this Section

1 and to administer the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board.

2 F. The Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board shall begin
3 actual operation of providing for the education of students within its
4 jurisdiction on July 1, 2013. Beginning on the date the school board begins
5 actual operation of providing for the education of students and thereafter,
6 notwithstanding any provision of law or rule or regulation to the contrary and
7 pursuant to the duty and responsibility placed with the legislature by Article
8 VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana to establish and maintain a
9 public educational system and the authority granted the legislature by Article
10 VIII, Section 10(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana to enact laws affecting
11 parish school board systems in existence on the effective date of the constitution,
12 all lands, buildings, and improvements, facilities, and other property having
13 title vested in the public and subject to management, administration, and
14 control by the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for public education
15 purposes but located within the geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton
16 Rouge Community School System or used to provide student transportation
17 services to such facilities, or both, shall be managed, administered, and
18 controlled by the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board.

19 G. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall transfer ownership
20 of at least fifty school buses with a sixty-passenger capacity that are of equal
21 quality, age, and condition to those owned and operated by the East Baton
22 Rouge Parish School System to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School
23 System. The number of school buses so transferred shall include a sufficient
24 number of handicapped accessible buses to be used to transport the students
25 needing special education services.

26 H. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall provide extended
27 school year services, through August 31, 2013, to public and non-public school
28 students residing within the geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton
29 Rouge Community School System who qualified to receive such services prior

1 to June 30, 2013.

2 I. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System and any taxing district
3 created by the East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall be the recipient of
4 all sales and use taxes levied for school purposes collected within the geographic
5 boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System and
6 remitted by the tax collector through June 30, 2013. As of July 1, 2013, the
7 Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System shall be the recipient of all
8 sales and use taxes levied for school purposes collected within the geographic
9 boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System. The sales
10 and use tax collectors shall begin remitting all sales and use taxes levied for
11 school purposes collected within such boundaries, including delinquent
12 payments, to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System on July 1,
13 2013.

14 J. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall receive all ad
15 valorem and property taxes levied for school purposes collected within the
16 geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School
17 System and remitted by the tax collector through June 30, 2013. As of July 1,
18 2013, all ad valorem and property taxes levied for school purposes collected
19 within the geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community
20 School System, including delinquent payments, shall be remitted by the tax
21 collector to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System.

22 K. For every application made by the East Baton Rouge Parish School
23 System for funding for the 2013-2014 school year which has a due date on or
24 before August 15, 2013, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall
25 disaggregate the data for the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System
26 and shall submit two applications, one for the East Baton Rouge Parish School
27 System and one for the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System.

28 L. The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
29 Education shall appoint a committee of experts to make non-binding

1 recommendations regarding the apportionment of financial obligations between
2 the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System and the East Baton
3 Rouge Parish School System.

4 M. Consistent with Article VIII of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974,
5 relevant to equal educational opportunities, no state monies shall be used to
6 discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating and failing to provide an
7 equal educational opportunity for all students.

8 §67.1. Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System; interim school
9 board

10 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the
11 appointment of the members thereof as provided in Subsection C of this Section,
12 there shall be and there is hereby created an interim school board for the
13 Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System which shall continue in
14 existence until the taking of office of the initial elected members of the Southeast
15 Baton Rouge Community School Board as provided by R.S. 17:67.

16 B.(1) The interim school board shall be composed of seven members
17 appointed at large as provided in Subsection C of this Section. An interim
18 school board member shall have attained the age of eighteen, be an elector, have
19 resided in the state for the two years preceding appointment, have been actually
20 domiciled within the geographic boundaries of the school system for at least one
21 year preceding appointment, meet the qualifications provided in R.S. 17:52(D),
22 and actually reside within the geographic boundaries of the school system.

23 (2) Membership on the interim school board shall not disqualify an
24 otherwise eligible person from qualifying as a candidate for election as a
25 member of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board.

26 C.(1) All members of the interim school board shall be appointed by the
27 governor within thirty days after the effective date of this Section and shall
28 serve until the taking of office of the initial members of the Southeast Baton
29 Rouge Community School Board elected as provided in R.S. 17:67.

1 (2) Members appointed by the governor shall be from a list of nominees
2 provided as follows:

3 (a) The members of the Louisiana Senate elected from district numbers
4 six and sixteen shall each nominate three persons meeting the qualifications for
5 office for each position to be appointed by the governor.

6 (b) The members of the Louisiana House of Representatives elected
7 from district numbers sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-eight, and sixty-nine shall each
8 nominate two persons meeting the qualifications for office for each position to
9 be appointed by the governor.

10 (3) A vacancy on the interim school board shall be filled in the same
11 manner as the original appointment.

12 D.(1) The interim school board shall constitute a body corporate in law.

13 (2) The organization of the interim school board as well as the board's
14 powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities shall be as provided by law
15 generally for city, parish, and other local public school boards.

16 (3) Members of the interim school board shall serve without
17 compensation.

18 E. The interim school board shall adopt rules, regulations, and
19 procedures consistent with law to effectuate this Section and to administer the
20 duties, functions, and responsibilities of the interim board.

21 F. The provisions of R.S. 42:11 through 28, relative to open meetings
22 and the provisions of Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
23 1950, relative to public records shall be applicable to the interim school board
24 and its members.

25 G. All authority granted to the interim school board by this Section shall
26 expire upon the taking of office of the initial members of the Southeast Baton
27 Rouge Community School Board elected as provided by R.S. 17:67(C).
28 However, the elected school board may take formal action to continue the
29 interim school board as an advisory body on matters previously under the

1 jurisdiction of the interim board.

2 H. The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall:

3 (1) Work cooperatively and collaboratively with the interim school
4 board and the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board to effect the
5 transfer of the students, buildings and other facilities, property, instructional
6 materials, buses, and all other assets related to the schools located within the
7 prescribed geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community
8 School System in an efficient and expeditious manner.

9 (2) Provide the interim school board for the Southeast Baton Rouge
10 Community School System with immediate and complete access to:

11 (a) All school buildings and facilities associated with the schools located
12 within the geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community
13 School System. Such access shall include making the school buildings and
14 facilities to be transferred available, free of charge, to the interim and elected
15 school boards for the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System for
16 purposes of conducting board and community meetings and other functions and
17 activities related to the operation of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community
18 School System.

19 (b) All student records and any other student related files associated
20 with students enrolled in the schools to be transferred to the Southeast Baton
21 Rouge Community School System.

22 (c) All financial records associated with the schools to be transferred to
23 the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System, including those related
24 to building maintenance, taxes, insurance, and indebtedness.

25 I. The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall not:

26 (1) Interfere, or impede in any way, with the processes to transfer the
27 students, buildings and other facilities, property, instructional materials and
28 equipment, buses, and all other assets related to the schools located within the
29 geographical boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School

System to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board.

(2) Sell, transfer, or otherwise remove any asset or thing of value, movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, attributable to the schools to be transferred to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System prior to such transfer.

(3) Incur, transfer, or assign any debt or other responsibility or obligation to schools to be transferred to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System that is not properly attributable to such schools.

Section 2. Any high school student residing within the geographic boundaries of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System or the East Baton Rouge Parish School System may elect to remain enrolled in the high school he was attending on the effective date of this Act, until such time as the student graduates from high school. Such student shall be included in the membership count for the school system in which he is enrolled for all purposes, including state funding through the Minimum Foundation Program formula.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the proposed amendment of Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 299 of this 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2012, and becomes effective, or the proposed amendment adding Article VIII, Section 13(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 305 of this 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at the statewide election to be held on December 1, 2012, whichever occurs first.

The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

DIGEST

White (SB 563)

Proposed law (R.S. 17:67):

1. Establishes a separate school system and school board for the Southeast Baton Rouge community (SEBR) in East Baton Rouge Parish (EBR). Specifies the geographic boundaries of the school system and provides that the SEBR Community School Board shall be composed of seven members elected from single-member districts. Requires that members be electors and meet the qualifications for office provided for in present law (R.S. 17:52(D) and (E)) for school boards. (R.S. 17:52(D) specifies that each member of a local school board shall be able to read and write, and R.S. 17:52(E) provides qualifications relative to age, residency, and domicile.)
2. Requires the interim school board, within 60 days of appointment, to develop and adopt a plan to divide the SEBR Community School System into nine single-member districts from each of which one member of the SEBR Community School Board will be elected. Provides that the districts shall be drawn in a manner such that each member of the SEBR Community School Board represents as nearly as possible the same number of persons, using population figures from the latest federal decennial census, and that the districts shall be effective in time for qualifying for the election established by law generally for school board members, which is 2014.
3. Provides that prior to the final adoption of the apportionment plan, the interim school board must order a public hearing on the proposed plan. The interim school board must publish the time and place of the hearing, a general summary and map of the proposed plan, and the times and places where copies of the proposed plan are available for public inspection in its official journal at least 20 days prior to such hearing.
4. Provides that the initial elected members of the board, each member of the SEBR Community School Board shall be elected at the time and place provided by law generally for local school board members. Provides that the members of the SEBR Community School Board elected in 2014 shall assume office as otherwise provided by law generally for local school board members, and such members and their successors in office shall serve for four-year concurrent terms. Provides also that vacancies on the board shall be filled as provided by law generally for local school boards.
5. Provides that the organization, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the SEBR Community School Board and the board members' compensation and reimbursement for expenses shall be as provided by law generally for local school boards. Requires the school board to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures consistent with law to effectuate proposed law and to administer the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board.
6. Specifies that the SEBR Community School Board shall begin actual operation of providing for the education of students within its jurisdiction on July 1, 2013.
7. Provides that the interim school board shall begin such actual operation July 1, 2013, and shall exercise all powers granted to the SEBR Community School Board. Also provides that for purposes of proposed law, the SEBR Community School Board shall be deemed to have begun actual operation on such date.

8. Provides that on the date such actual operation begins and thereafter, all lands, buildings, and improvements, facilities, and other property having title vested in the public and subject to management, administration, and control by the EBR Parish School Board for public education purposes but located within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System or used to provide student transportation services to such facilities shall be managed, administered, and controlled by the SEBR Community School Board.
9. Requires the EBR Parish School System to transfer ownership of at least 50 school buses with a 60 passenger capacity that are of equal quality, age, and condition to those owned and operated by the EBR Parish School System to the SEBR Community School System. The number of school buses so transferred shall include a sufficient number of handicapped accessible buses to be used to transport the students needing special education services.
10. Requires the EBR Parish School System to provide extended school year services, through August 31, 2013, to public and non-public school students residing within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System who qualified to receive such services prior to June 30, 2013.
11. Provides that the EBR Parish School System and any taxing district created by such school system shall be the recipient of all sales and use taxes levied for school purposes collected within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System and remitted by the tax collector through June 30, 2013. Provides that as of July 1, 2013, the SEBR Community School System shall be the recipient of all sales and use tax levied for school purposes collected within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System. Further provides that sales and use tax collectors shall begin remitting all sales and use taxes levied for school purposes collected within such boundaries, including delinquent payments, to the SEBR Community School System on July 1, 2013.
12. Provides that the EBR Parish School System shall receive all ad valorem and property taxes levied for school purposes collected within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System and remitted by the tax collector through June 30, 2013. Provides that as of July 1, 2013, all ad valorem and property taxes levied for school purposes collected within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System, including delinquent payments, shall be remitted by the tax collector to the SEBR Community School System.
13. Provides that every application for funding made by the EBR Parish School System for funding for the 2013-2014 school year which has a due date on or before August 15, 2013, the EBR School System shall disaggregate the data for the SEBR Community School System and shall submit two applications, one for the EBR Parish School System and one for the SEBR Community School System.
14. Requires the president of BESE to appoint a committee of experts to make non-binding recommendations regarding the apportionment of financial obligations between the SEBR Community School System and the EBR Parish School System.
15. Provides that consistent with Article VIII of the La. Constitution of 1974, no state monies shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating and failing to provide an equal educational opportunity for all students.

Proposed law (R.S. 17:67.1):

1. Creates an interim school board for the SEBR Community School System and provides that the interim board shall continue in existence until the taking of office of the initial elected members of the SEBR Community School Board.

2. Provides for the interim school board to be composed of seven members appointed at large. Requires that an interim school board member shall have attained the age of 18, be an elector, have resided in the state for the two years preceding appointment, have been actually domiciled within the geographic boundaries of the school system for at least one year preceding appointment, meet the qualifications provided in R.S. 17:52(D) relative to ability to read and write, and actually reside within the geographic boundaries of the school system. Specifies that membership on the interim school board shall not disqualify an otherwise eligible person from qualifying as a candidate for election as a member of the SEBR Community School Board.
3. Provides that all members of the interim school board are to be appointed by the governor within 30 days after the effective date of proposed law and will serve until the initial elected members of the SEBR Community School Board take office. Requires that members appointed by the governor be from a list of nominees. Provides for the state senators from districts 6 and 16 to nominate three qualified persons and for the representatives from districts 65, 66, 68, and 69 to each nominate two qualified persons for each position to be appointed by the governor.
4. Provides that a vacancy on the interim school board will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
5. Provides that the interim school board constitutes a body corporate in law and states that the organization of the interim school board as well as the board's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities shall be as provided by law generally for local school boards.
6. Requires the interim school board to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures consistent with law to effectuate proposed law and to administer the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the interim board.
7. Provides that the interim school board and its members are subject to the state's open meetings and public records laws.
8. Specifies that all authority granted to the interim school board by proposed law shall expire when the initial elected members of the SEBR Community School Board take office. Permits the school board, by formal action, to continue the interim school board as an advisory body on matters previously under the jurisdiction of the interim board.
9. Provides that the EBR Parish School Board shall:
 - (a) Work cooperatively and collaboratively with the interim and elected SEBR school boards to effect the transfer of the students, buildings and other facilities, property, instructional materials, buses, and all other assets related to the schools located within the prescribed geographic boundaries of the new school system in an efficient and expeditious manner.
 - (b) Provide the SEBR interim school board with immediate and complete access to:
 - (1) All school buildings and facilities associated with the schools located within the boundaries of the SEBR Community School System. Such access shall include making the school buildings and facilities to be transferred available, free of charge, to the interim and elected school boards for purposes of conducting board and community meetings and other functions and activities related to the operation of the new school system.

- (2) All student records and any other student related files associated with students enrolled in the schools to be transferred to the SEBR Community School System.
 - (3) All financial records associated with the schools to be transferred, including those related to building maintenance, taxes, insurance, and indebtedness.
10. Provides that the EBR Parish School Board shall not:
- (a) Interfere, or impede in any way, with the processes to transfer the students, buildings and other facilities, property, instructional materials and equipment, buses, and all other assets related to the schools located within the geographical boundaries of the SEBR Community School System.
 - (b) Sell, transfer, or otherwise remove any asset or thing of value, movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, attributable to the schools to be transferred to the SEBR school system prior to such transfer.
 - (c) Incur, transfer, or assign any debt or other responsibility or obligation to schools to be transferred to the SEBR school system that is not properly attributable to such schools.

Proposed law (R.S. 17:58.2(I)):

1. Provides that in the event the SEBR Community School Board begins the actual operation of educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system, the EBR Parish School Board shall develop a plan to divide the parish, excluding the area of the SEBR Community School System, into single-member districts from each of which one board member shall be elected. States that such districts shall be drawn with as equal population as possible, using population figures from the most recent federal decennial census.
2. Specifies that prior to the final adoption of such plan, the EBR Parish School Board shall order a public hearing on the proposed plan and must publish the time and place of the hearing, a general summary and map of the proposed plan, and the times and places where copies of the proposed plan are available for public inspection in a newspaper published within the parish of East Baton Rouge, with parishwide circulation, at least 20 days prior to the date of such hearing.
3. Provides that each elected member of the EBR Parish School Board holding office on the date the SEBR Community School Board begins the actual operation of educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system shall serve the remainder of the term of office for which elected. Provides that a vacancy occurring during such term of office will be filled in accordance with law from districts in effect when filled.
4. Provides that at the next date on which a regular election for the election of members of the EBR Parish School Board would be held following the date the SEBR Community School Board begins the actual operation of educating students as a separate school system, the members of the EBR Parish School Board shall be elected from single-member districts adopted in accordance with proposed law. Provides that the members so elected and their successors in office will serve four-year concurrent terms.

Provides that any high school student residing within the geographic boundaries of the SEBR Community School System or the EBR Parish School System may elect to remain enrolled in the high school he was attending on the effective date of the Act, until such time

as the student graduates from high school. Further provides that such student shall be included in the membership count for the school system in which he is enrolled for all purposes, including state funding through the Minimum Foundation Program formula.

Effective if and when the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Bill No. 299 of the 2012 R.S., granting the SEBR Community School System certain authority granted to parishes relative to financing schools, is adopted and becomes effective, or the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Bill No. 305 of the 2012 R.S., removing the geographic limitations on the legislature's authority to establish local school systems, is adopted and becomes effective, whichever occurs first.

(Adds R.S. 17:58.2(I), 67, and 67.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Changes the geographic boundaries of the proposed school system.
2. Provides for a BESE appointed committee to make recommendations regarding apportionment of financial obligations between the affected school systems.
3. Allows high school students the option to remain in the schools they were enrolled in on the effective date of proposed law until graduation from high school.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Restores the geographic boundaries in the original version of the bill by changing the eastern boundaries of the district from Airline Highway to Interstate 10.
2. Technical amendment.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Technical amendments.